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SUBJECT: DISASTER RELIEF LEBANON

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FOR AMBASSADOR

1. TMA FLIGHT DEPARTED KENNEDY AIRPORT AS SCHEDULED THIS MORNING (RETEL), BUT WITHOUT RPT WITHOUT OUR FIVE TONS OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES ABOARD. ACCORDING TMA/NEW YORK, WHOM WE CONTACTED UPON LEARNING THIS DISTURBING NEWS, AIRCRAFT ARRIVED NEW YORK MORE FULLY LOADED THAN ANTICIPATED AND TMA/NEW YORK RECEIVED "STRICT ORDERS" FROM COMPANY'S BEIRUT HEADQUARTERS TO OFFLOAD NO CARGO TO MAKE ROOM FOR AID MEDICAL SUPPLIES. TMA/NEW YORK ASSURES US THAT NEXT TMA FLIGHT DUE TO DEPART KENNEDY WEDNESDAY, NOV. 5, WILL HAVE SPACE TO ACCOMMODATE AID MEDICAL SUPPLIES, WHICH NOW AMOUNT TO EIGHT AND ONE HALF TONS AND WHICH ARE VALUED AT APPROXIMATELY

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ONE-THIRD OF DOLS 500,000 ALLOCATED BY AID/W FOR LEBANESE

DISASTER RELIEF

2. WE URGE THAT YOU AGAIN CONTACT TMA'S ABOU HAIDAR TO ENSURE HE INSTRUCTS HIS NEW YORK OFFICE NOT TO LET THIS MORNING'S FOUL-UP BE REPEATED IN CONNECTION WITH NEXT TMA FLIGHT NOV. 5. FYI: WE ALSO ARE CURRENTLY TRYING TO ARRANGE TO FORWARD SOME PART OF AID MEDICAL SUPPLIES NOW SITTING IN TMA'S NEW YORK WAREHOUSE TO BEIRUT BY ALTERNATE MEANS PRIOR TO NOV. 5. END FYI. KISSINGER

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